

6 January 1978

NOTE FOR: Mr. Blake

SUBJECT : U.S. Air Force/OSR Cadet Program

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1. I agree with Mr. [ ] that there is some risk that our investigation would surface information which would be harmful to the cadets' careers. Since this is a military academy, we may be legally obligated to report certain types of adverse information. This aspect would have to be checked with OGC. One way of getting around surfacing a security disqualification to the Academy might be to have them nominate two or three more cadets than we would use, with the understanding that final selection would be made by the Agency. Since all who would be processed could not be selected, no stigma need attach to those rejected.

2. A broader concern might be the effect this proposal would have on the summer intern program. The Air Force cadets would be filling two positions that possibly could be filled by summer interns who are selected on a competitive basis. It is conceivable that other academies or other specialized groups would come to us with similar requests.

3. Please note at Tab D that there is a breakdown of anticipated costs. The Air Force is to arrange housing but the Agency picks up all other expenses. Perhaps this program could be more easily justified if the Air Force were providing two cadets at no cost to the Agency.

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1. Acting Deputy Director for Administration	4 JAN 1978		<p>Attached is a memorandum from the Director of Strategic Research requesting that we approve the temporary duty of two Air Force Academy cadets to the Office of Strategic Research for a six-week period next summer. They also ask that we obtain Department of Air Force authority for the necessary security processing, including polygraphing of the cadets.</p> <p>I only recently became aware of the proposal, else I would have brought it, and my concern, to your attention earlier.</p> <p>While we believe the proposal has merit, it does contain serious risks for the cadets who ultimately are nominated to participate.</p> <p>Conceptually, we believe that this proposal is good, but we worry about the problems that will ensue if one or both of the two young men fail to meet the security standards, especially the polygraph. While the criteria used by the officials of the Air Force Academy to select the two cadets will no doubt minimize this risk, there is the real possibility that a security disqualification will have a deleterious effect on the career of a particular cadet. The prior briefings by the Office of Security may, we hope, minimize the potential for this situation, and we have suggested that this briefing be comprehensive.</p>
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*Jack: I don't agree with this rationale but thought you should be aware of it. I recommend we approve.*

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